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I have reviewed the JD/Microsoft settlement and I am happy to see that both sides in this action have finally come to a satisfactory agreement. The forces of open competition are essential to build new technology. Also as technology advances the integration issues have to bring us all to a systems solution that is open standards based and therefore competitive in cost. Challenges to this agreement by competitors are obviously being done for one reason and that is to erode the Microsoft market position. These have to be evaluated for what they are and nothing more!